

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 NEW DE 16929 190428Z

64

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 AID-05

/062 W

----- 093373

R 181400Z DEC 75

FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0000

INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMCONSUL BOMBAY

/AMCONSUL CALCUTTA 6341

AMCONSUL MADRAS

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 16929

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, IN

SUBJ: SANJAY GANDHI: HIS ACTIVITIES WIDEN

REF: NEW DELHI 16488

1. OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS SANJAY GANDHI HAS STRENGTHENED HIS HOLD OVER THE YOUTH CONGRESS THROUGH MORE PERSONNEL CHANGES THAT REFLECT HIS ANTI-CPI ORIENTATION. UNDER HIS AEGIS, THE YOUTH CONGRESS IS ORGANIZING ITSELF FOR A MORE ACTIVIST ROLE AS THE CONGRESS' CADRE ARM. SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH HIS YOUTH CONGRESS ENDEAVORS, SANJAY CONTINUES TO BUILD A POLITICAL BASE IN NEW DELHI WHICH HE MAY EVENTUALLY EXPLOIT FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE. HIS INFLUENCE IS WIDENING IN OTHER AREAS. HE IS CREDITED WITH DEFLECTING HIGH-LEVEL CONGRESS PARTY ATTENDANCE AT THE PATNA INTERNATIONAL ANTI-FASCIST CONFERENCE. HE HAS PLACED HIS DESIGNEES IN SOME KEY INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THE RESERVE BANK OF INDIA AND IN SEVERAL TRADE UNION EXECUTIVES. HE CONTINUES TO EXERT HIS INFLUENCE AGAINST CPI INTERESTS AND WE HAVE HEARD FROM DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF RAJYA SABHA THAT A TOP CPI LEADER RECENTLY BITTERLY COMPLAINED TO HIM ABOUT "THE SON'S" ACTIVITY IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION. CPI AND OTHER LEFTIST

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NEW DE 16929 190428Z

GROUPS IN BIHAR AND CALCUTTA APPEAR TO BE SPEAKING OUT MORE

OPENLY AGAINST SANJAY. A CALCUTTA PRESIDENCY COLLEGE PAMPHLET CRITICIZED HIM AS AN ALLY OF THE CAPITALISTS AND ASSERTS THAT HIS "INTERESTS IN POLITICS" DOES NOT MEAN "HE WOULD FIT IN THE ROLE OF A LEADER OR THAT WE WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT HIS ORDERS." DESPITE HIS PRESENT MEASURABLE INFLUENCE, AND ALMOST OPEN-ENDED POTENTIAL, SANJAY'S DIRECT EXERCISE OF INFLUENCE IS STILL FELT MORE IN PERSONAL AREAS, CHIEFLY ON AD HOC POLITICAL AND PERSONNEL DECISIONS, THAN ON MAJOR POLICY MATTERS. IN THE LATTER AREAS, HIS INFLUENCE IN THE AIN IS EXERCIZED THROUGH HIS MOTHER, ALTHOUGH HE HAS A SIGNIFICANT AND GROWING NUMBER OF "ALLIES" WITHIN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THE TOP LEVELS OF THE BUREAUCRACY WHO ALSO EXERT INFLUENCE ON MAJOR POLICY DECISIONS. SANJAY HAS SO FAR PREOCEEDED SLOWLY, METHODICALLY AND SUCCESSFULLY. BUT THE CHANCES FOR HIM TO MAKE MISTAKES OR TO BUILD UP AN ANTI-SANJAY - AND INDIRECTLY AN ANTI-MRS. GANDHI - LOBBY MAY INCREASE AS HE ATTEMPTS TO WIDEN HIS PERSONAL INFLUENCE AND ACTIVITIES AND OPERATES MORE PUBLICLY.

2. ABOVE IS SUMMARY OF AIRGRAM BEING POUCED TO DEPARTMENT.
SAXBE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL LEADERS, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 DEC 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: KelleyW0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975NEWDE16929
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750441-0204
From: NEW DELHI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751228/aaaaaygf.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 NEW DELHI 16488
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: KelleyW0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06 AUG 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <26 NOV 2003 by KelleyW0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SANJAY GANDHI: HIS ACTIVITIES WIDEN
TAGS: PINT, IN, (GANDHI, SANJAY)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006